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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER LEE VISITS HONG KONG TO STUDY MRT

1. PRESS HERE REPORTS THAT PRIMARY PURPOSE OF PRIME MINISTER LEE'S VISIT TO HONG KONG JANUARY 21-23 IS TO STUDY THE ECONOMICS OF HONG KONG'S PROPOSED UNDERGROUND RAIL SYSTEM. LONG-AWAITED GOS DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO GO AHEAD WITH SINGAPORE MASS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM COULD BE MADE KNOWN SHORTLY AFTER MR. LEE'S RETURN. DECISION PRESUMABLY WILL BE TAKEN ON BASIS OF PM'S REPORT AND PHASE FEASIBILITY STUDY ON SINGAPORE MRT JUST COMPLETED BY USS CONSULTANTS, WILBUR SMITH & COMPANY.

2. HONG KONG GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY PREPARED TO BRIEF LEE ON CAPITAL COST OF HONG KONG PROJECT, ITS FINANCING, OPERATING COSTS, AND FARE STRUCTURE. LEE REPORTEDLY WILL MEET WITH GOVERNOR, SIR MURRY MACLEHOSE, AND HAVE WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION. MAY ALSO MEET
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WITH MRT PROJECT FINANCIAL ADVISERS, WARDLEY LTD.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS CONGEN
CAN PROVIDE ON LEE'S HONG KONG PROJECT FINANCING, PARTICULARLY
SIZE AND NATURE OF EXIM BANK PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT.
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